GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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MINING PROJECT ON FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of proposals in respect of mining projects on forest land sanctioned during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the area of land in hectares involved in these projects;

(c) the State-wise number of persons affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the names of the companies including foreign companies engaged therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)& (b) So far, 523 proposals have been accorded approval diverting about 36,324 ha of forest land for mining in all the States/UTs in the country during the last three years and the current year under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The State-wise details are annexed at Annexure − I.

(c) The persons affected due to diversion of forest land for mining are resettled by the respective State/UT Governments as per their Relief & Rehabilitation Policy in conformity with the National Relief & Rehabilitation Policy. The details of such persons are maintained by the States/UTs.

(d) The names of companies including foreign companies involved in the diversion of 523proposals are at Annexure − II.